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SUBJECT: SANG INTEGRATED LOGISTICS AND MAINTENANCE SYSTEM
(ILMS) STUDY

1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, AT THE REQUEST OF PRINCE
ABDULLAH, THE SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE COMMANDER OF
SANG, IN EARLY 1976 THE U.S. ARMY MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW
THE SANG LOGISTICS AND MAINTENANCE SYSTEM COULD BE IMPROVED
TO SUPPORT MODERN FORCES. THE STUDY WAS PAID FOR BY SANG.

2. IN APRIL 17, 1977, AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF ANALYZING THE
STUDY SANG ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDED
CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED LOGISTICS SYSTEM. THIS WAS DONE BY A
SPECIAL ARMY TEAM IN EARLY MAY, WHICH WAS ALSO FUNDED BY SANG.

3. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RESTUDY EFFORT, IN THE
FORM OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE ORIGINAL ILMS STUDY HAS BEEN
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STAFFED THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AND OSD BUT THAT
PERMISSION TO RELEASE THE DOCUMENT IS BEING DELAYED IN THE
DEPARTMENT.

4. AS STATED ABOVE, THE DOCUMENT IS MERELY A RESPONSE TO
SANG QUESTIONS--NOT A REQUEST FOR AN LOA OR P&A DATA. IT
DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY USG COMMITMENT ANY MORE SO THAN THE

ORIGINAL STUDY. IT IS, FURTHER, A RESPONSE WHICH THEY HAVE PAID TO RECEIVE.

5. SHOULD SANG DESIRE THE UNITED STATES TO MODERNIZE ITS LOGISTICS SYSTEM, THAT REQUEST WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THEM FORMALLY THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. WHEN--AND IF--SUCH A REQUEST IS RECEIVED WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE WHETHER WE SHOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY AND IN WHAT FORM.

6. THE ISSUE OF THE ORIGINAL AND AMENDED STUDY AND A DECISION ON PROGRAM APPROVAL DO NOT NEED TO BE LINKED AT THIS POINT. SANG EXPECTS A PROMPT USG RESPONSE TO THEIR QUESTIONS AND ANY LONG DELAY WOULD SIMPLY NOT BE COMPREHENSIBLE TO THE SANG, AND COULD RESULT IN SOME EMBARRASSMENT.

7. WE REQUEST THAT, AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME, DSAA BE GIVEN STATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL TO RELEASE THE ILMS STUDY ADDENDUM TO SANG. WE APPRECIATE THE ISSUES FACING THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSIDERING THE ILMS STUDY. HOWEVER, WE COULD STATE SIMPLY THAT PROVIDING AMENDED STUDY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A USG COMMITMENT.

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